



**Education Department
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
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Director
Office of Child Care
330 C ST SW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the childcare needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- We will use a portion of this funding toward salaries and benefits to maintain an adequate number of staff to remain open and offer care to as many families as possible.

2. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- We will provide payments in the form of account credits to help offset losses in revenue from lower enrollment and the inability to increase rates to fair market value due to COVID-19. This will also keep rates affordable and decrease the financial burden on family caused by schools being closed.

3. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- This is under development. We are a Tribal Lead Agency with only one center, and no in-home providers. We are unsure of how this section applies to us, or how to meet this requirement.

4. Other

- Some additional spending options under consideration are working with the Tribal Cultural Resources Dept. to expand cultural activities in the classroom.
- Purchase technology to support distance learning for school age children while in care.
- Purchase items such as extra diapers, wipes, clothing, etc. to be used by our staff while children are in care.

The Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,
/s/

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